



**ST. MATTHEW'S**  
ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you with an update around our use of social media moving forward.

For some time, we have been using social media to keep members of our community updated with celebrations from our departments and year groups across the school.

Following the recent 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' update, I have become concerned that this widespread use of social media could compromise our high standards of safeguarding practices. Therefore, from 1<sup>st</sup> October, we will have one central social media account which will be used as a platform to celebrate our community (@SMRCHS on Twitter). All key messages will continue to be shared via the Edulink app. If you have not yet logged onto Edulink, please do so, since this is the platform that allows regular communication between home and school.

Additionally, and importantly, I ask you all to consider your contribution to social media platforms when discussing St. Matthew's. Recently, school leaders have managed another situation involving parents posting inaccurate and quite unkind messages about our school. As you will be aware, we are all working so hard to improve St Matthew's for our children. As headteacher, I am extremely keen to ensure staff members are not dealing with such unnecessary situations, when our core business is the teaching, learning and achievement of our children.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Mrs Murden  
**Headteacher**